

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 25, 2018 • 7:59 a.m. • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:18 AM.

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, presented information about a funding request adjustment as well as context of their programs.

2 . Department of Human Services (DHS) - Base Budget

[4bi-DHS - Expenditures by Vendor - 2018 GS](#)

Budget Reduction Options #45-48

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, spoke about budget reduction including items #45 the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Allocation Increase and #46 SSBG Reserve Spending Authority.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), responded to the potential federal reduction of SSBG.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification on the reductions that could take place. Rep. Ray commented and requested data on dollar amounts used. Mr. Brasher clarified. There was continued conversation between Rep. Redd and Mr. Brasher.

Rep. Kennedy asked for information on the expenditures being made. Mr. Brasher suggested that those points will be made later. There was continued discussion.

Rep. Ward commented on what may be cut and questioned about when the cuts from the federal government may happen. Mr. Brasher stated that it is difficult to know when the federal government may act.

Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, DHS, shared information about how the expenditures have been made in the past and suggested how the situation may be handled.

Ms. Lence discussed item #47 Recover Costs from Building Leases Ending and #48 Consolidate Buildings.

Mr. Brasher clarified that most buildings the department has are leased. He responded to the possibility of consolidation of buildings into the Ogden Regional Center. He also discussed reduction of space being addressed.

Rep. Ray and Mr. Brasher had a conversation about possible space available.

Rep. Redd asked about the use of the Juvenile Justice Center in Cache County and wondered about other buildings in the state. Mr. Brasher addressed the issue.

Ms. Lence spoke to the the Revenue and Expenditure Trends information.

[4bi-DHS - Expenditures by Vendor - 2018 GS](#)

Ms. Lence continued with the Fund Balances presentation.

[4c-Fund Balances - Department of Human Services - 2018 GS](#)

Ms. Lence referred to the Fees Issue Brief.

Ms. Lence continued with the Intent Language Follow-up Issue Brief.

[4e-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Follow-up on Previous Intent Language - Department of Human Services](#)

Ms. Lence introduced motion #1C Fees.

Rep. Redd requested input from the different departments. Rep. Ray had a conversation about information for the item #1C.

Rep. Ray and Ms. Lence helped to clarify.

Rep. Ward referenced fees from the previous day about assisted living centers and asked for clarification. Rep. Ray informed him that he had already opened a bill file. Ms. Lence added comment.

Ms. Lence continued reviewing motions #1AD Report on System of Care and #5AG Fund Performance Measures.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM for the Department of Human Services: #1C, 1AD, 5AG. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. T. Weiler

3 . System of Care - Intent Language Report

Justin Naylor, Assistant Director, System of Care, DHS, introduced the purpose of System of Care, their operations as well as the results of their program.

[5-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - System of Care](#)

Ms. Lence shared information about the document.

Rep. Redd referred to the Issue Brief provided and requested clarification about specific services provided.

Sen. Christensen recognized and complimented Ms. Williamson on the System of Care program.

4 . DHS - Executive Director Operations (EDO) - Base Budget

Ms. Lence introduced reduction item #49 DHS Reduce EDO Travel.

Mr. Brasher addressed the information presented.

Ms. Lence presented the Revenue and Expenditure Trends.

[6b-EDO - Purposes - 2018 GS was discussed.](#)

[6c-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Federal Funds - Department of Human Services](#)

Rep. Thurston referred back to agenda item 6B and the Utah Marriage Commission funding and wondered if that was the total budget for the Marriage Commission. Ms. Lence clarified. There was continued conversation about the issue.

Ms. Lence continued with further information on the Federal Funds Brief.

[6c-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Federal Funds - Department of Human Services](#)

Rep. Thurston requested clarification and Ms. Lence clarified.

Rep. Redd asked a question about increases in different areas and wondered if there would be a discussion about the increases. Ms. Lence clarified.

Sen. Van Tassell cautioned about the use of federal funds.

Rep. Thurston asked if the programs and grants the State has applied for had been vetted. Sen. Christensen commented on the opioid funding.

Mr. Brasher presented the procedure process for looking at grants. There was continued comment among committee members.

Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, commented that the vetting is up to the committee.

Ms. Lence continued to present motions #1B Federal Funds, #1AH Dedicated Credits Increase for License Fees, #4N Nonlapsing Intent Language, and #5U Line Item Performance Measures from the Motions for Subcommittee Consideration document.

Sen. Christensen suggested putting off the motion to accept #1B Federal Funds . Rep. Thurston expressed appreciation for the opportunity to study the funding.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM for the Department of Human Services #1AH, 4N, 5U. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 4 - 3 .

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray

Nays-4

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins

Absent-3

Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. N. Thurston

Rep. E. Redd
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Rep. R. Ward
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Sen. Escamilla gave her reason for voting no and other members agreed.

5 . DHS - Child and Family Services (DCFS) - Base Budget

Ms. Lence referred to the Budget Reductions sheet items #52 Medical Treatment of Children in State Care - Recover Start-Up Costs and #53 Medical Treatment of Children in State Care - Adjust for Sunset.

Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), DHS, responded with agreement for the items just presented.

Ms. Lence continued with #54 Direct All Domestic Violence Restricted Funding to DCFS. Ms. Moore was in agreement.

Ms. Lence presented #55 Recover Savings from Juvenile Justice Reform and DCFS Placements. Ms. Moore responded that removing these funds would be very impactful.

Ms. Moore responded to this.

Sen. Escamilla commented about the item being presented at this time. Rep. Ray clarified in his comment.

Ms. Lence continued with item #56 Recover DCFS Nonlapsing Balance. Ms. Moore responded that they would have use of these funds but would defer to the committee.

Ms. Lence continued with item #57 Recover Savings from End of U of U Evaluation of Title IV-E Waiver with Ms. Moore responding about in-home services.

Sen. Christensen asked for clarification on the extension request and Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Redd commented to Ms. Moore and requested clarification through further conversation.

Rep. Ward inquired about finding out the results from the study.

Jeremy Hirschi, Budget Director, DCFS, responded to the question with continued comment from Ms. Moore

Ms. Moore presented information from the DCFS Annual Report.

[7bi-DCFS Annual Report 2017](#)

Ms. Moore highlighted some of the data about the annual report statistics.

Sen. Christensen requested information on the number of children in foster care. Ms. Moore responded.

[7c-DCFS - Purposes - 2018 GS](#)

Ms. Lence continued explaining the agenda items #1-5.

Next Ms. Lence referred to the Motions for Subcommittee Consideration sheet.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to amend motion #1AI Increase Restricted Funding from the National Professional Men's Basketball Support of Women and Children Issues Account by striking the amount of \$50,000 and replacing it with \$100,000. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

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Rep. R. Ward
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Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. N. Thurston

Ms. Lence continued with #1B Federal Funds, #1AE Report on Impact of Juvenile Justice Reform, #1AF Report on Budget Deep-Dive, #1AI, #4Q Nonlapsing Intent Language, #4R Use of Out-of-home Funds, #4S Use of Adoption Assistance Funds, #5Y Line Item Performance Measures, and #5AH Fund Performance Measures. There was comment and discussion from Rep. Ray and Ms. Moore.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM for the

Department of Human Services: #1AE, 1AF, 1AI as amended, 4Q, 4R,4S, 5Y and 5AH. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-4

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6 . Budget Deep-Dive into the Foster Care System: Follow-Up Reports

Ms. Lence continued with overview and acceptance of recommendations made from Ms. Moore.

Sen. Christensen requested information on the the number of foster homes available and Ms. Moore responded.

7 . Funding Sources for Domestic Violence Shelters

[9a-Domestic Violence Shelter Revenue FY 2017](#)

[9bii-Government Funding for Domestic Violence Services in Utah](#)

Brent Platt, Director of Legislative and Stakeholder Relations, DHS, presented information about requirements for the shelters. Sen. Christensen gave input about the shelters available

Brian Parnell, Domestic Violence Program Administrator, DCFS, related the group findings from the document provided about grants and funding.

Jennifer Campbell, Executive Director, South Valley Services, addressed the needs of the department and survivors as well as challenges involved. She also addressed recommendations for data collection, coordinating programs, additional funding to secure hotels, to develop standardized reporting definitions, and to authorize an annual or semi-annual state plan to look at domestic violence.

Sen. Christensen requested a profile of the people the department serves. Ms. Campbell responded with a specific example of who she is serving today. Sen. Christensen also reference private donations. Ms. Campbell responded with information about funding.

Sen. Van Tassell commented on the condition of fleeing families.

Sen. Christensen commented on the lethality assessment given by law enforcement. Ms. Campbell and Sen. Christensen continued to converse about the increase in services that might occur.

Rep. Ward addressed looking for places to stay like AirBNB. Ms. Campbell responded that there may be funding restrictions and Sen. Christensen added comment.

Rep. Redd had a question about where people are sent to when there is overflow stay and if there are other resources in the State that could be partnered with and used for overflow shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

Sen. Christensen related a story. There was continued comment from Mr. Platt, Ms. Campbell and Sen. Van Tassell.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn at 10:53 AM. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-11

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Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
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